



Gallatin Eagles

RC FLYING CLUB

Hello,

Fall is in the air, cooler flying weather!

Lots of things happening. I wanted to let you all know that our field will be closed to flying on Monday October 3rd and Tuesday the 4th. The Montana Highway Patrol had Reached out to see if they could use our facility for training on accident investigation with their drones. I reached out to MSU and they were fine with it and were happy that we

were willing to have them use it. The Highway Patrol is aware of our No-Fly Zones so I am not worried about that. Thank you for your understanding, I believe it is good to keep good relationships. I appreciate what the Patrol does for the community and us working together. Also keeping good relationships with MSU as a reminder, they do not charge us to be on the property. If you have any questions, please let me know. Who knows next time you get pulled over flash your Club membership card maybe you can get out of that ticket, Ha Ha!

We had our September Fun Fly and it went really well. Thank you to all that were able to come out. At one time we had about twelve pilots, it was awesome. We had some pilot events that made it fun to compete. Next year we will tweak the events and have some

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Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events October 2022

3, 4 Monday and Tuesday, **No flying** MHP will be conducting drone training exercises.

11, Tuesday, 7:15 PM, Meeting at the field.

For more information on club events see our website: gallatineagles.org/calendar

NOTICE!

Our flying field will be unavailable on Monday October 3rd & Tuesday October 4th. The Montana Highway Patrol will be using it for drone training exercises. They use drones to allow an aerial view of an accident scene for determining the cause or reconstructing the scenario. They'll be training officers in basic operation & how to do precision mapping with the onboard camera(s) and gps data.

Brian Westberg

Flying weather is back for a few days but the forecast is not too good. We'll still have some good weather yet this fall plus the New Year's day fun fly. Make sure you have skis ready.

Chuck Curtis

Practical safety reminder.

I have been very busy moving dirt every chance I get at home this summer. As a result I was not able to make it out to the field pretty much at all this year. I apologize for that, as a club officer, I should be there. Anyhoo, the side effect of that was at our fun fly a few weeks ago. I knew I was going to make it on Friday night and I started to rush to get a plane ready. In my rushing a cool head prevailed and I decided to do a good preflight inspection on the 2 planes I was thinking of bringing. A load test on my nitro plane showed a bad receiver pack. The other plane I found a note in it that said ESC fried. I apparently wrote that the last time I flew it about 2 years ago. I have a couple of takeaways from this story.

1. If I had just plugged the nitro plane into the charger there is a good chance a volt meter would have showed it was ok to fly. If I did that I ran the risk of the pack failing in flight and potentially hurting property or a person in the act.
2. It is always good practice to leave a note on any airframe that is damaged. At least now I know to order a new ESC. A bit of frustration now saves a potential safety concern at the field.

The moral of this story is always complete a preflight inspection of your equipment to ensure a safe and fun outing.

I am pleased to say that my dirt is almost all moved and next year I plan on flying a whole bunch! The fun fly was a good time even though I did not fly. Part of being in this club is the camaraderie we build with each other over a common interest. The field is where we can all get along regardless of politics, religion or whatever other hang-ups we might have with people in general.

Ron Banta

Larry's Log,

Names are a real challenge for me. I have trouble remembering even my name! It has been proposed to create a roaster for the club house. Pictures of club members with names below would be a great aid. Maybe an indication as to who is a qualified trainer. Then, I could sneak in to club house to refresh my memory. For those that don't want to be included-just let us know you don't want to be on the roaster.

The last couple of days the weather has been glorious. Great flying with several pilots out at the field in the mornings. But the shorter daylight reminds me that winter is coming. I'm pushing to get my Gee Bee R2 completed before the snow flies. Cowling and wheel pants are painted and need mounting.

I have a couple projects set aside for the winter's build. Two new combat flying wings and several planes to fix/rebuild.

Keep on flyin'

Larry Nelson



Photos from Fun Fly, September 17th submitted by Destry

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prizes. The events definitely help get people involved and that is what I was looking for. Bring your ideas let's make it better next year.

Billings is having their Fun Fly September 30th -October 2. The website for more info is <http://billingsflyingmustangs.us/bfm> who knows. might see some turbine jets fly!

Chuck Curtis donated a Multiplex Fun Cub that we are going to do a silent auction on. it just needs finishing; Stan sent out an email with a photo of it. it is in the Clubhouse and all proceeds go to the club. High bid is \$60 so send me your bids, email, text, call. I moved the end of the auction till Oct 11th which is our next meeting.

Lee has winterized the lawn mower for the year and has also done a little cleaning in the shed, thank you for your service again this year Lee, we really appreciate you!

A couple good ideas came out of the last meeting. First Chuck Banta is going to make a poster of all the members mug shots with names so we can hang it up at the clubhouse so we can all get more familiar with names and faces. I am not sure where the idea started but I like it. Also, I would love to get some photos together of where our field started. Old photos and photos along the way to show our progression. then we can make a story board at the Clubhouse. we have been at our field around seventeen years now and oh how far we have come. send me your photos, email, text, let's see what we can do. We will still do our Member of the year for our November meeting so get your nominations in.

Are you using the weather app? how about the live streaming camera at the field? Pretty great technology we have out there, check it out. All the log ins are posted at the clubhouse. I love it thanks, Dan Matthews for your donation.

See you at the Meeting
Destry

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